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1. The approach to the Isle of Usedom (N 54/L 10) from Wolgast (N 55/p 92) was not blocked between 9 and 13 February 1950. The boundary of the restricted area is about 5 km from Peenemuende (N 55/p 83) and runs across the entire island. An improvised airfield of small dimensions had been newly laid out between Trassenheide and Peenemuende. The strength of the Soviet troop units stationed in Peenemuende was estimated by various local residents at 1,000 to 1,500.
2. According to local residents, the destroyed installations in Peenemuende are being cleared for reconstruction. Residents from all over the island, including women, are employed for this project. All the workers have a special Soviet identity card. Workers' trains run daily from Heringsdorf (N 54/L 21) to Peenemuende. AAA exercises are held every Thursday night.
3. About 10 searchlights posted in Peenemuende illuminated the sea at regular intervals at night. The take-off of a twin-engine transport plane was observed in Peenemuende on 10 February 1950. Six Soviet conventional fighters, similar to FV-190s, flew over Zinowitz (N 55/L 02) at an altitude of 800 meters heading north-east on the morning of 13 February 1950.

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Comment:

a. According to previous information, the Peenemuende airfield is occupied by two fighter regiments equipped with La-9s. Jet aircraft have not been observed in Peenemuende so far. The construction of an improvised airfield within the restricted area was reported for the first time; its exact location is not known.

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b. All the construction work observed in Peenemuende up to now exclusively concerned the airfield. A reconstruction of the former V-Weapons Test plant was not observed.

c. AAA exercises were not reported [REDACTED] The transfer of AAA units to Peenemuende was not observed either.

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d. The opening of the approach to the Isle of Usedom from Wolgast was reported for the first time.

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